



A recipe for making mini Christmas cakes

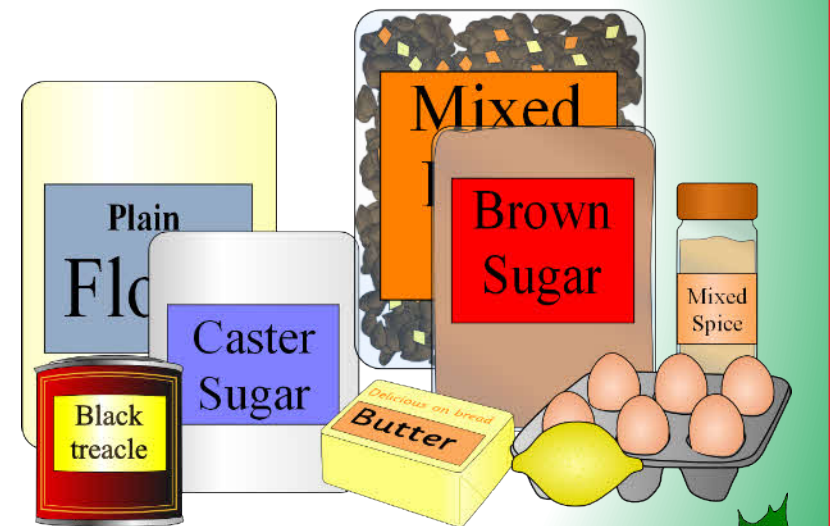
Makes: 12 mini cakes

Ingredients

255g plain flour
1tsp mixed spice
170g brown sugar
55g caster sugar
6 eggs
225g butter
1 tblsp black treacle
Juice of 1 lemon
900g mixed dried fruit
150g glace cherries

Equipment

12 small baked bean tins
Bowls
Chopping board
Sieve
Lemon juicer
Greaseproof paper
Cooling rack



Pre-heat oven to 150°C/Gas Mark 2

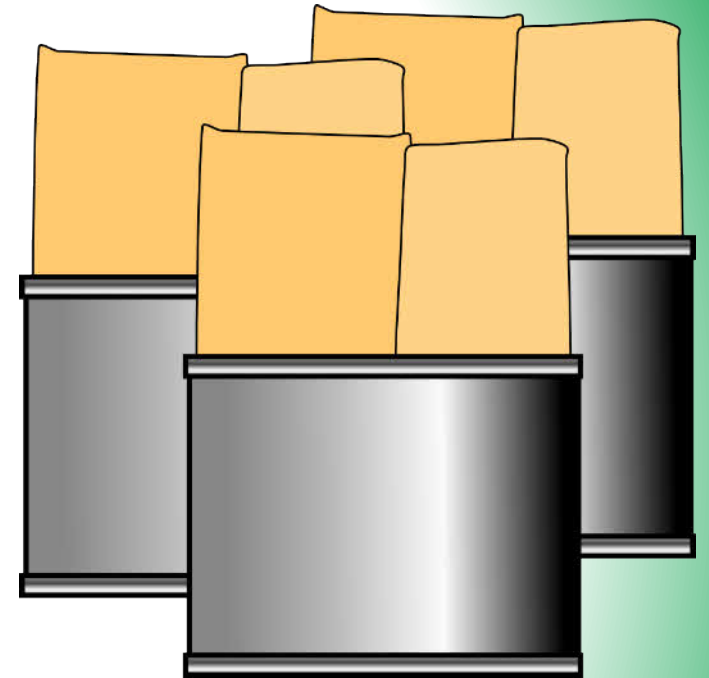
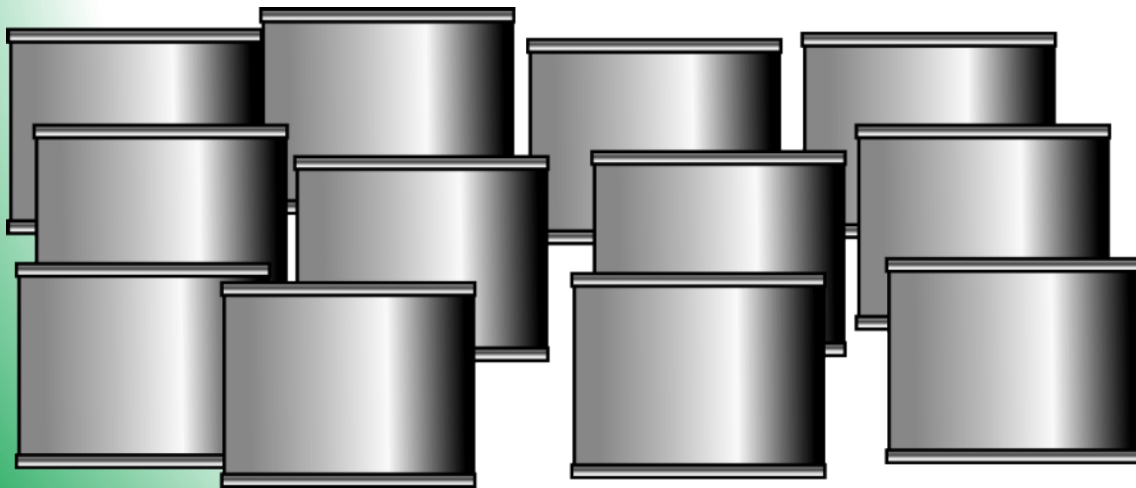




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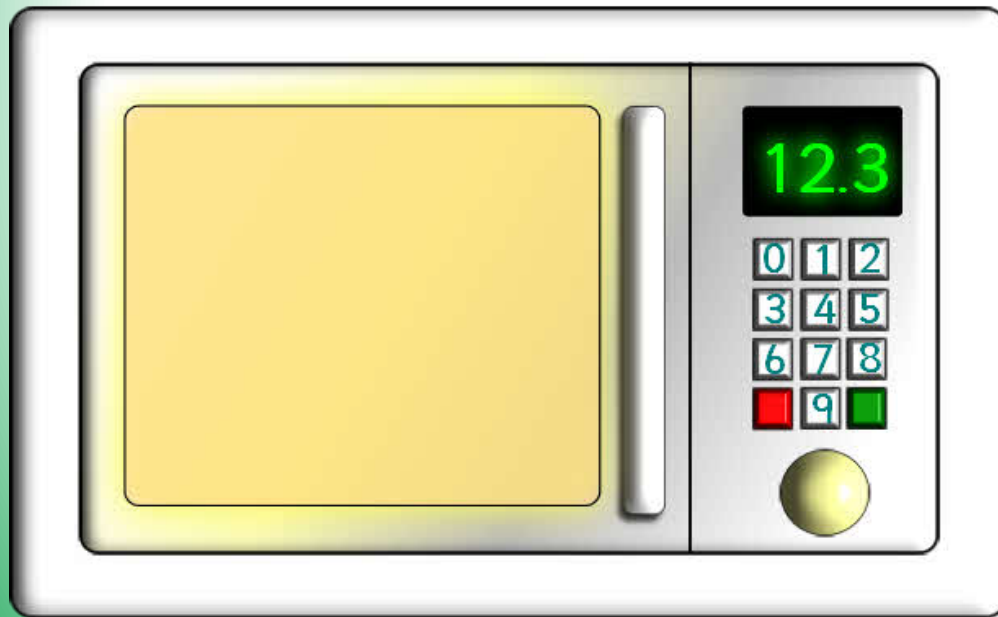
Prepare the 12 small baked bean tins by lining each with greaseproof paper, so that the paper comes up 5cm above the side of the tin.



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Step 2

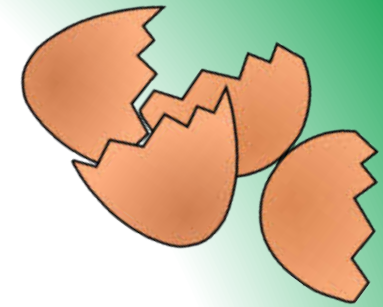
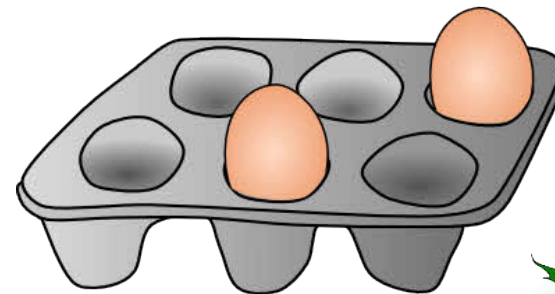
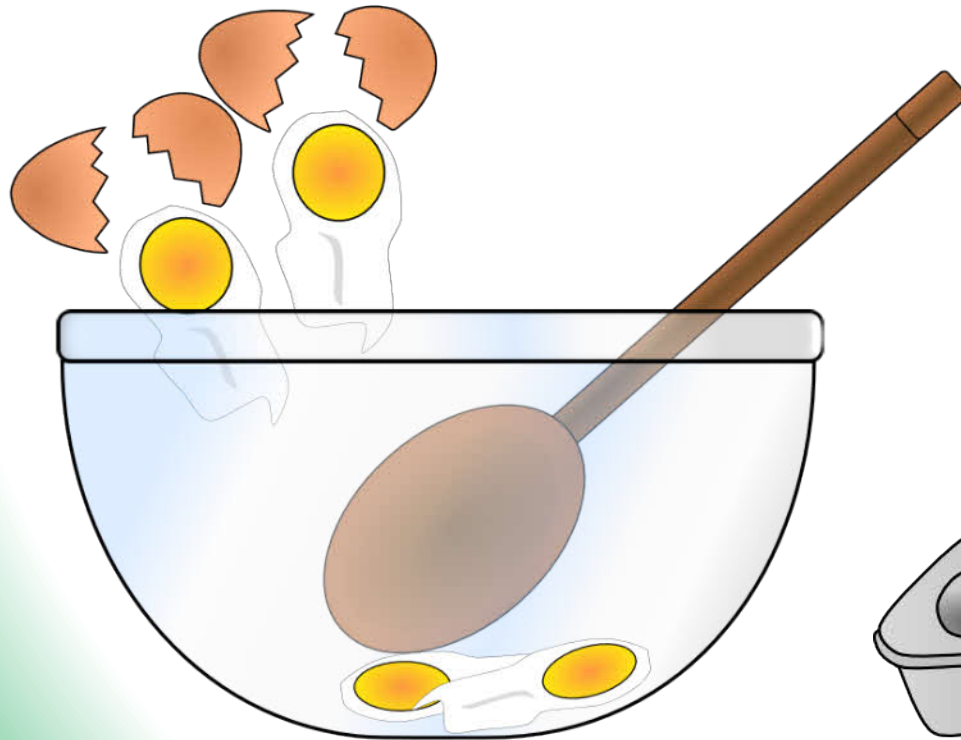
Put the treacle into a bowl, and warm in a microwave.



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Step 3

Beat the six eggs together in a bowl.

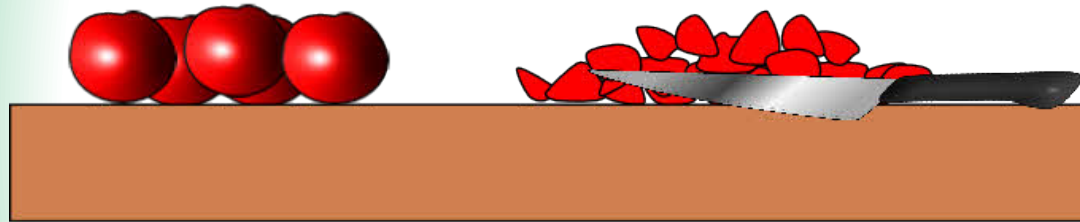




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Step 4

Chop the glace cherries.



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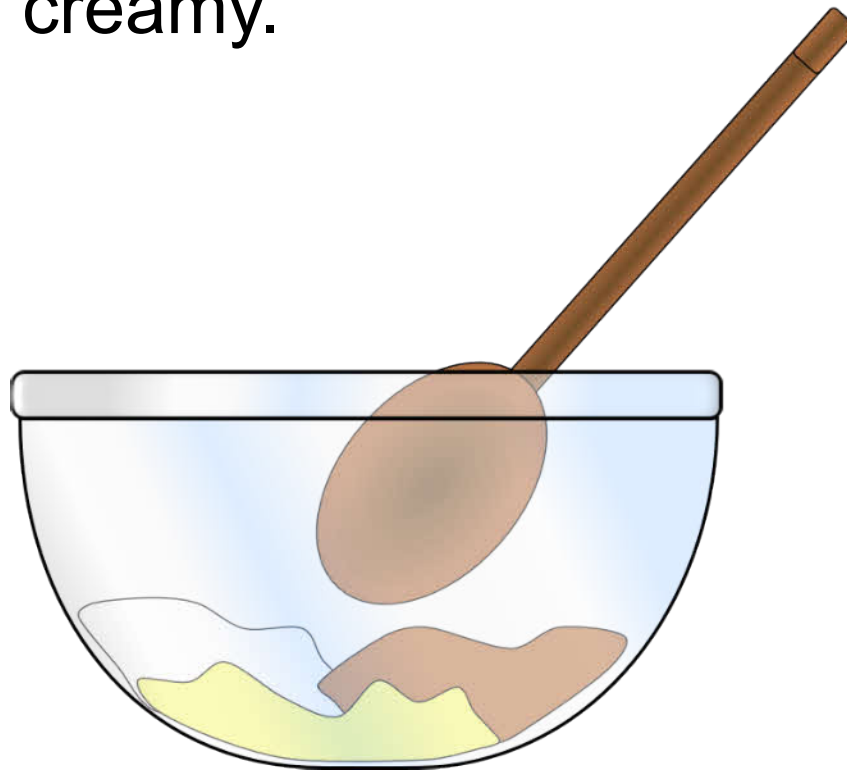
Squeeze the juice from the lemon.



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Step 6

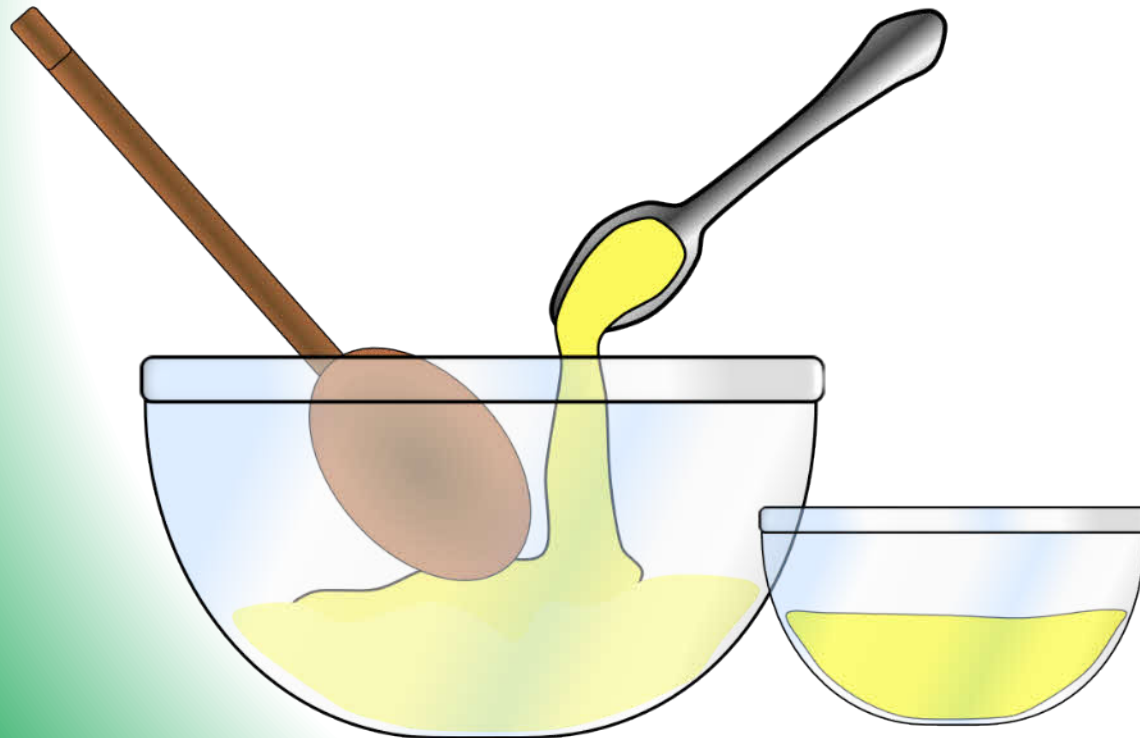
In another bowl, beat together the butter and both types of sugar until creamy.



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Step 7

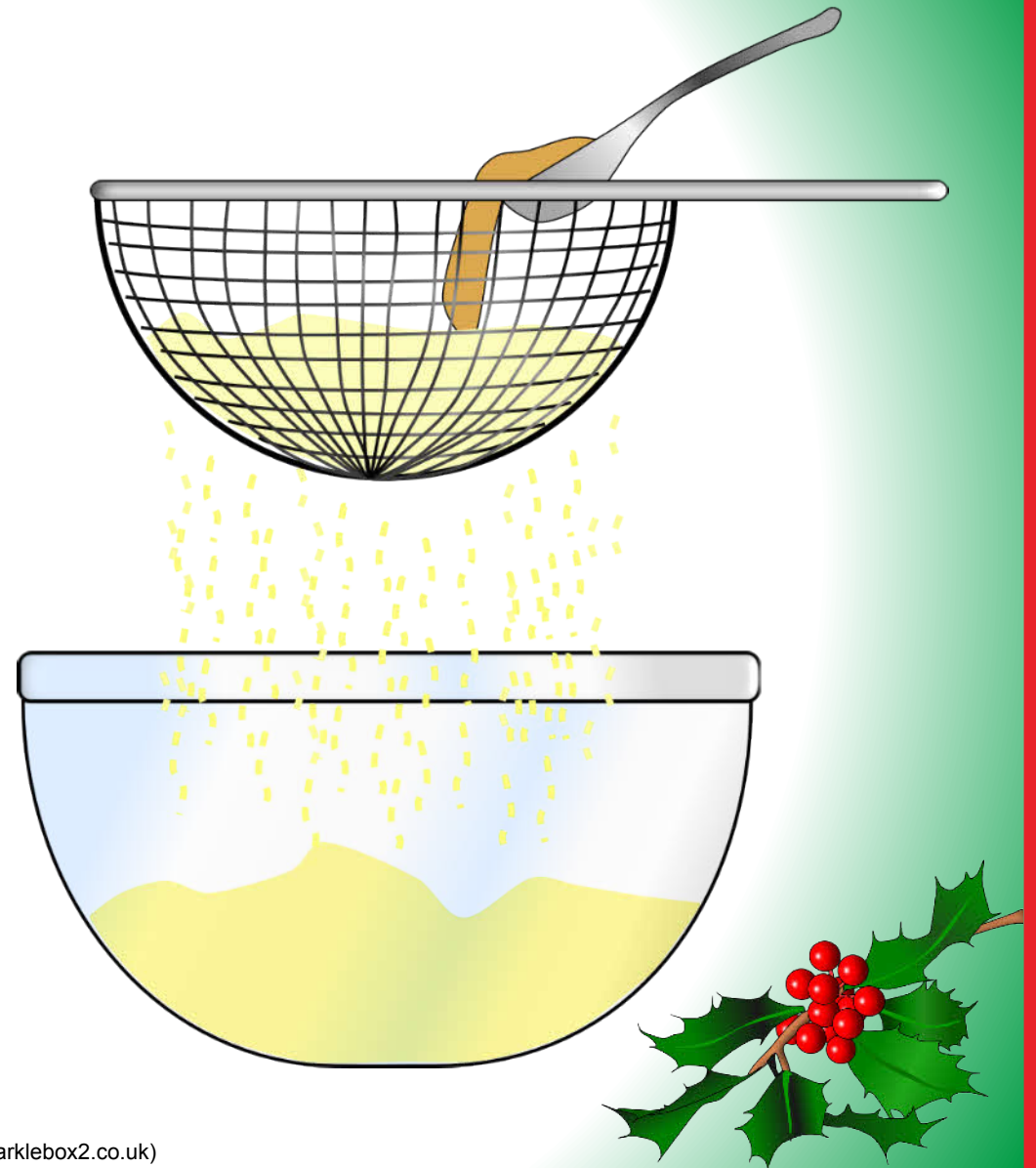
Continue stirring the mixture and slowly spoon in the beaten eggs.



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Step 8

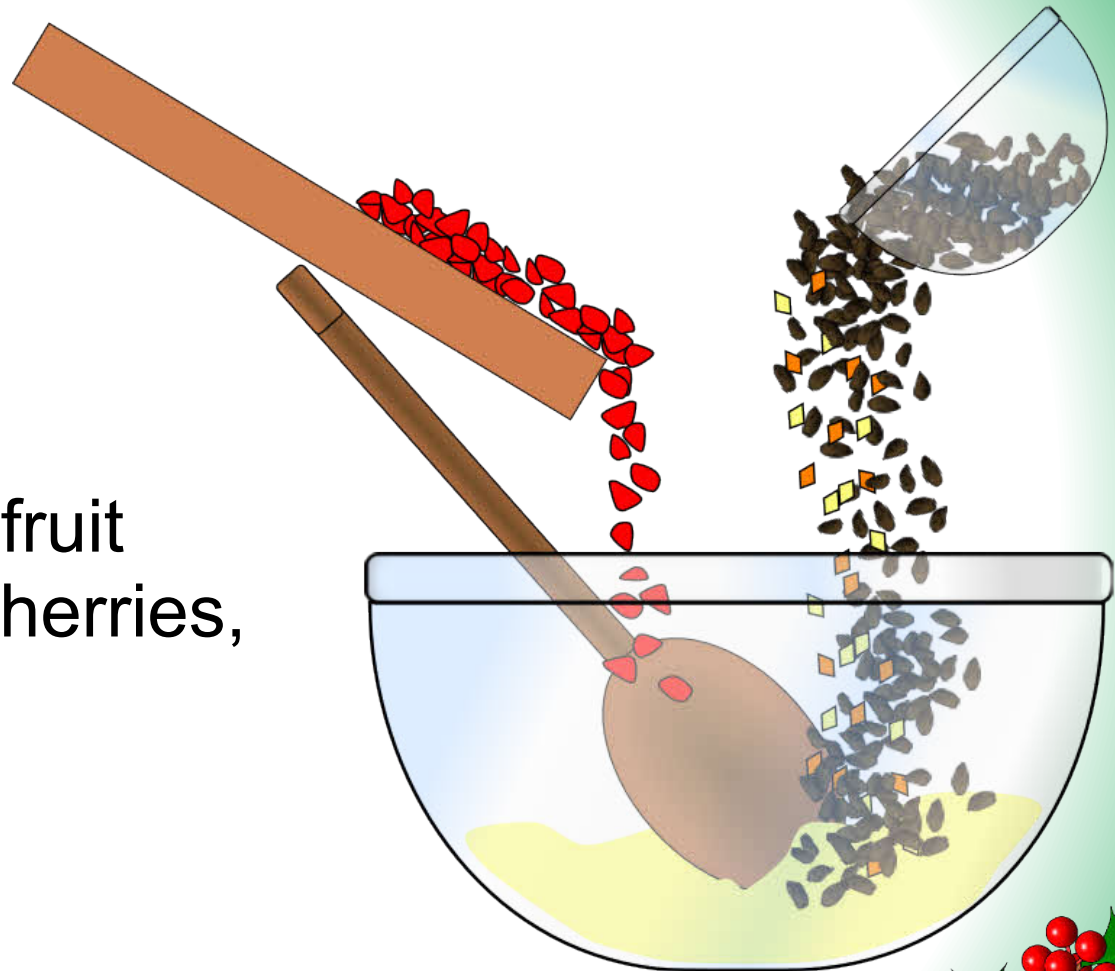
Sieve in the flour, together
with the mixed spice.



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Step 9

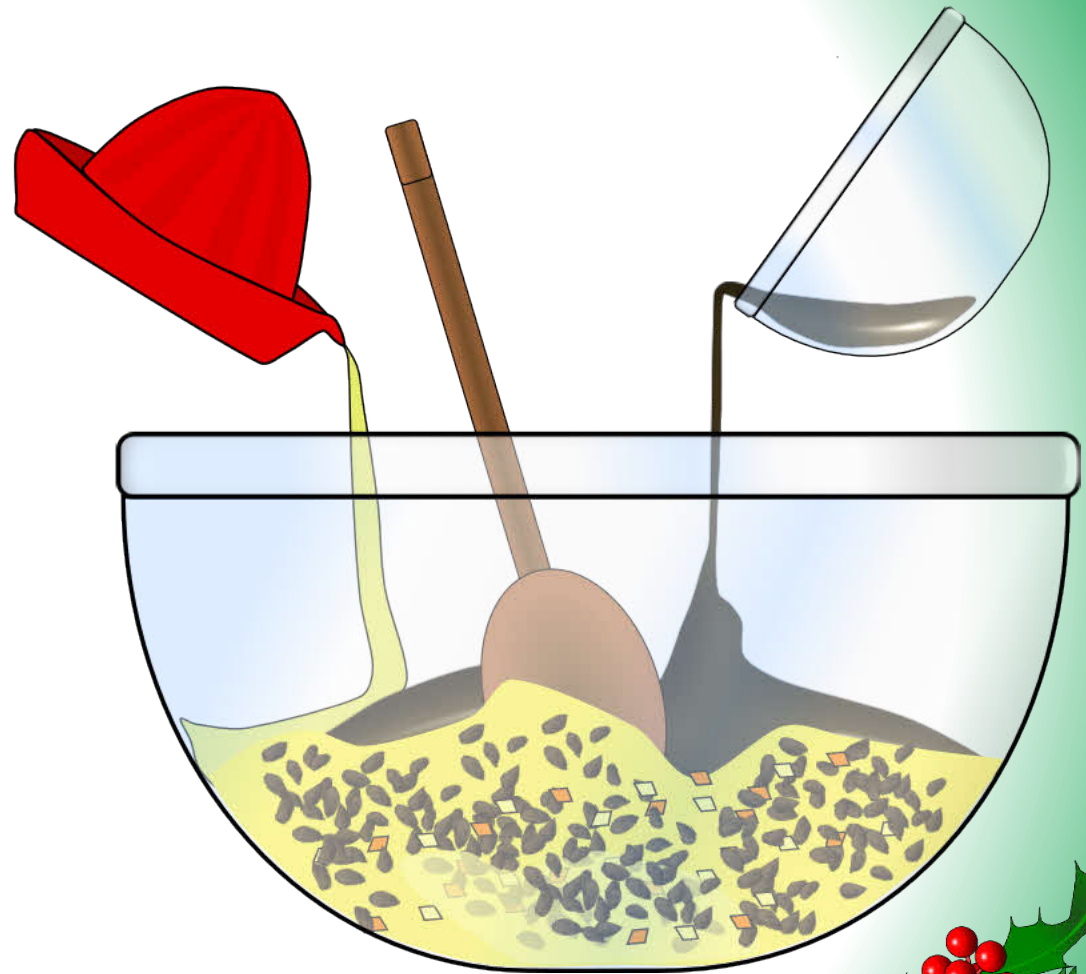
Add the mixed dried fruit
and chopped glace cherries,
and mix well.



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Step 10

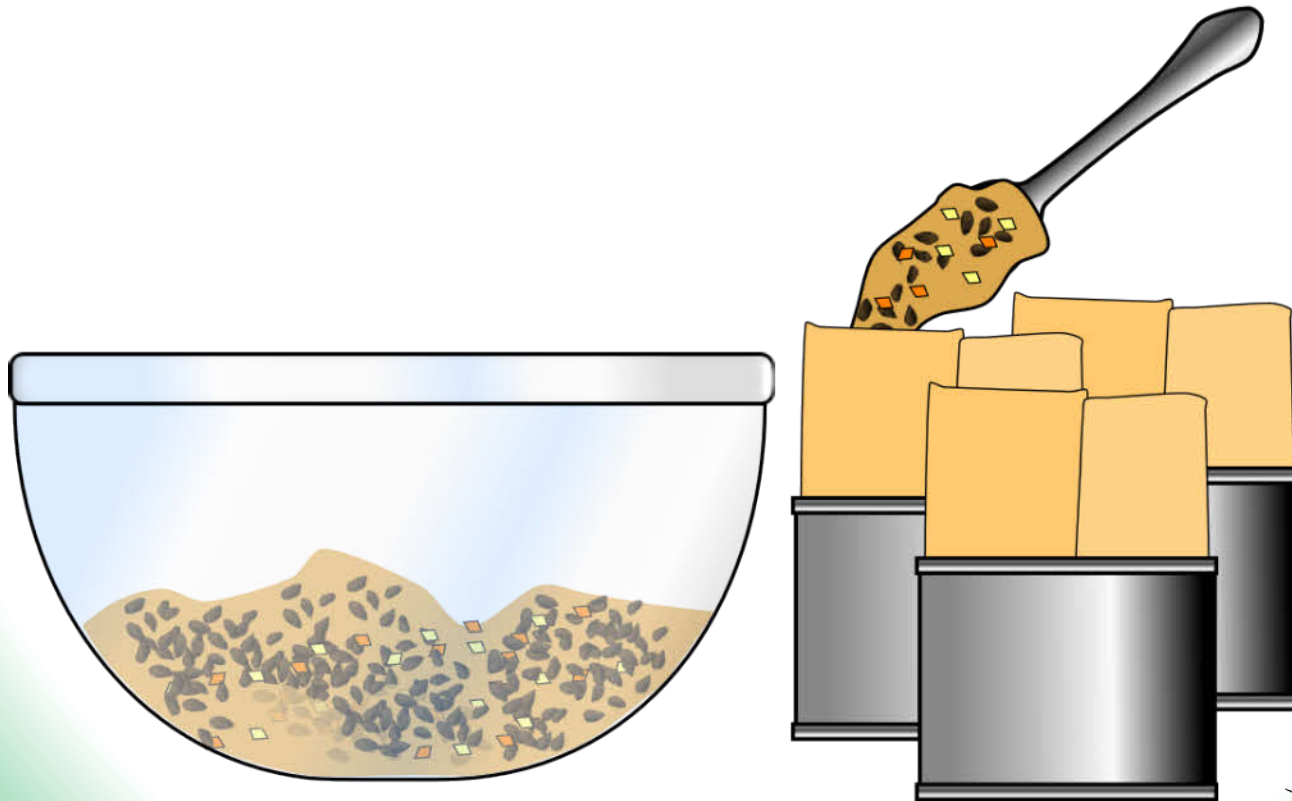
Add the warmed black treacle and lemon juice.



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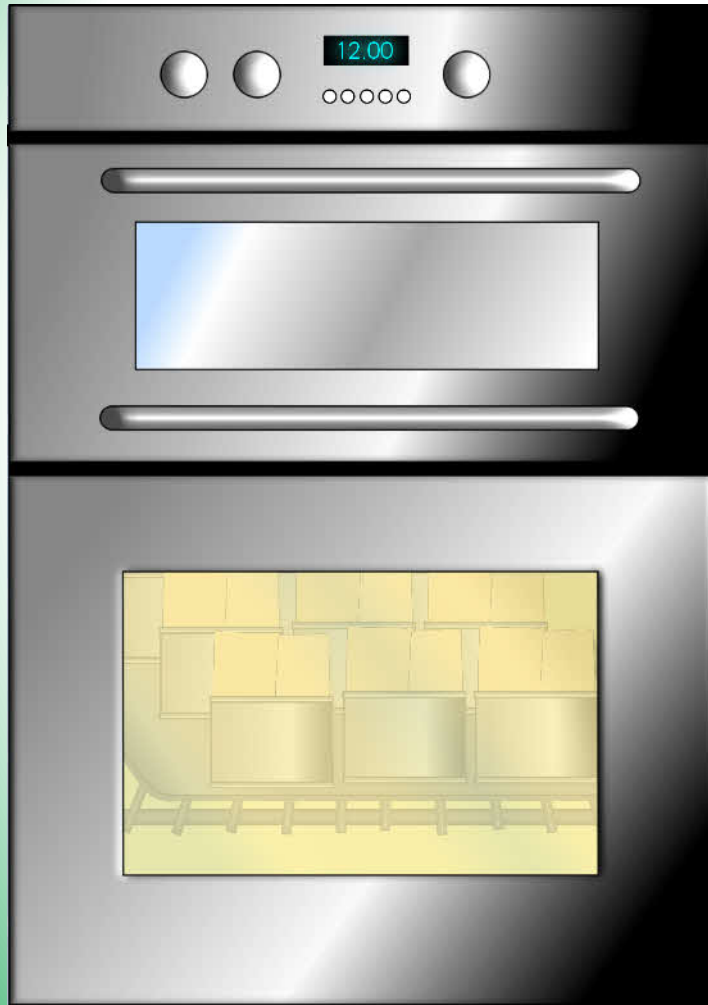
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Mix well, and then spoon the mixture into the 12 tins.





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Step 12

Bake in the oven at 150°C or Gas Mark 2 for about 1½ hours. Check hourly to make sure they do not over cook.

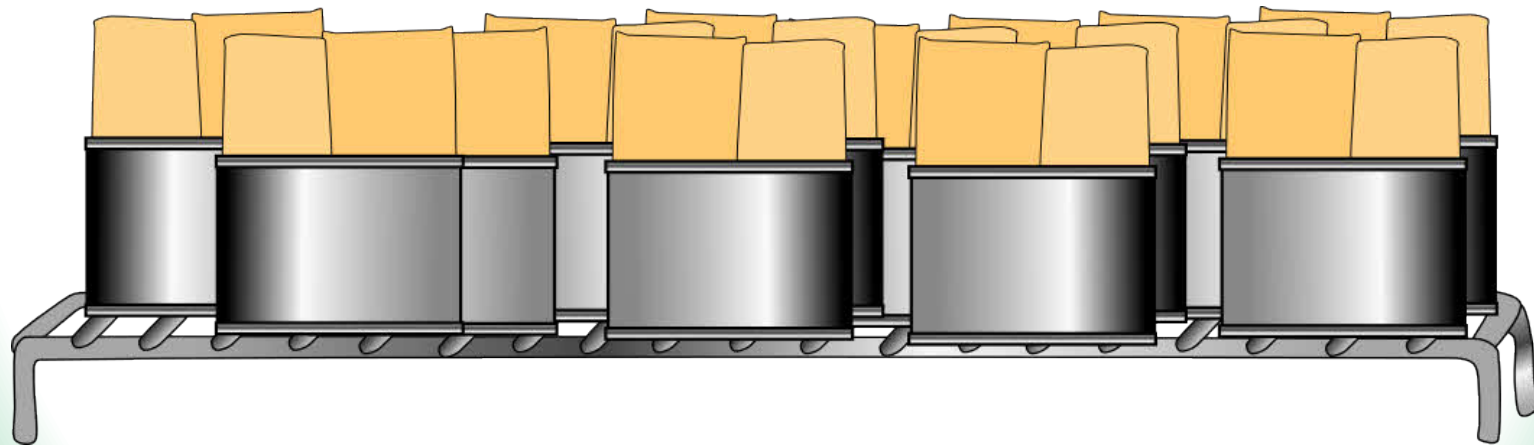




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Step 13

Remove from oven when done and allow to cool on a wire rack for 30 minutes.





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Step 14

Turn out the cakes from the tins can leave to cool further.

